Telecom Centes in Karnataka

367. SHRI B.L. SHANKAR : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of Telecom Centres working in Karnataka, as on June 30, 1997 District-wise;

(b) whether the Government have given any directions for operation of Telecom Centres for twenty four hours;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether the Government propose to open some more Telecom Centres in Karnataka during 1997-98; and

(f) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) District-wise number of Telecom. Centres working in Karnataka as on 30th June, 1997 is given below :

District	No. of Telecom Centres
Bangalore	02
Belgaum	08
Dharwad	07
Mysore	01
Dakshina Kannada	01
Bellary	01
Gulbarga	01
Raichur	01
Total	22

(b) to (d) No, Sir. No specific directions have been given. However, where there is public demand and financial viability, the Telecom, Centres are kept open for 24 hours.

(e) and (f) Yes, Sir. During the year 1997-98, four telecom centres are planned to be opened one each in Dakshina Kannada, Dharwad, Mysore and Bangalore Districts.

Allotment of Funds by Doordarshan for Production of Tele-films

368. SHRI AJOY CHAKRABORTY : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the procedure for allotment of funds by Doordarshan for production of tele-films under Commissioned Category which are passed/sanctioned and Budget allotted by concerned Ministries/Departments of the Government of India;

(b) the time taken by Doordarshan for allocation of funds for such telefilms;

(c) the number of cases in which sanction letters were issued by Doordarshan on March 31, 1997 but the funds not allotted upto June 15, 1997;

(d) the reasons for delay in allotment of funds; and

(e) the time by which the funds are likely to be allocated for production of such telefilms ?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY) : (a) The proposals received from concerned Ministries/Departments are placed before the Costing Committee of Doordarshan headed by DG, Doordarshan for allotment of funds. Funds to the producers of such telefilms are given keeping in view the budget details submitted by them alongwith their proposals and as approved by the Costing Committee.

(b) Funds are allocated as and when they are made available by the concerned Ministries/Departments.

(c) As per available records, no sanction was issued by Doordarshan on 31.3.1997.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

Posting of Train Superintendents

369. PROF. JITENDRA NATH DAS : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the reasons for not selecting the trains to post train superintendents in North Frontier Railway;

(b) whether the Government are considering to select some trains of North Frontier Railway now;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?